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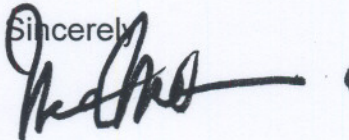
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Over the past few days, Show-Me State residents have been in the grips of a severe winter storm. Heavy rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow have caused serious damage to trees, power lines, and property. As temperatures hover below freezing, more than 170,000 Missourians are without power and heat. Currently, utility companies and rural electric cooperatives are working hard to restore electrical service. Further, local emergency management officials, the state of Missouri, and nongovernmental organizations are organizing relief efforts for those most impacted by this latest round of bad weather.

Yesterday, the Governor of Missouri asked you to declare an emergency for the entire state of Missouri under provisions of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which would free up federal resources for public assistance in the Show-Me State.

On behalf of the Missourians I am privileged to represent, let me take this means to urge you to quickly approve the Governor's request.

Sincerely,


IKE SKELTON
Member of Congress

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